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SUBJ: TERRITORIAL ASYLUM CONVENTION, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,  
4TH AND 5TH MEETINGS, JANUARY 18, 1977

1. AT 4TH MEETING CHAIRMAN INVITED NOMINATIONS FOR THE THEN UN-  
FILLED POST OF RAPPOREUR. NOT TAKERS. LATER IN SAME MEETING  
CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED PROBLEM HAD BEEN SOLVED..BANGLADESH NOMINATED  
TAKOR (INDIA) WHO WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. RAPPOREURSHIP HAD  
PREVIOUSLY BEEN OFFERED TO WEOS BY AFRO-ASIANS AFTER THEY FAILED  
TO ADHERE TO THEIR AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT NETTLE (AUSTRALIA) FOR  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. WEOS QUITE CORRECTLY DECLINED TO BE THROWN A  
BONE, AND THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING WITHOUT A RAPPOREUR  
UNTIL TODAY.

2. DURING 4TH MEETING FOLLOWING POSITIONS TAKEN:

(A) EXPERTS' TEXT ON ARTICLE 1 SUPPORTED BY KOREA, PORTUGAL, TAN-  
ZANIA, UGANDA, MEXICO, IRELAND, FRANCE (WITHOUT "BEST ENDEAVORS"\*)  
SYRIA (AMBIGUOUSLY, BELGIUM (BUT WITH PREFERENCE FOR BELLARIO  
TEXT IF THAT WERE FEASIBLE).

(B) CUBAN/ARGENTINIAN TEXT SUPPORTED BY IRAQ AND ROMANIA.

(C) FRG TEXT NOT SUPPORTED; OPPOSED BY TANZANIA.

(D) GHANA TEXT SUPPORTED BY PHILIPPINES AND HOLY SEE.

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(E) "FAMILY UNITY" PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY COSTA RICA, PORTUGAL,  
UGANDA, BELGIUM, MEXICO, PHILIPPINES; OPPOSED BY ROMANIA.

3. BEGINNING WITH LAST HALF HOUR OF 4TH MEETING, AND CONTINUING  
INTO 5TH MEETING, CHAIRMAN, IN EFFORT TO SAVE TIME, INDICATED THAT  
DELEGATES COULD COMMENT ON THREE ISSUES RAISING DIFFERENT PROBLEMS:  
ARTICLE 1, ARTICLE 2, AND "FAMILY UNITY." INEVITABLE RESULT WAS

CONFUSION. FOREGOING AND FOLLOWING SUMMARIES ARE BEST THAT DELEGATION CAN ACCOMPLISH TO BRING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS.

4. EVENTS OF 5TH MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AUSTRALIA INTRODUCED ITS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 2

(A/CONF.78/C.1/L.10).

(B) ALGERIA, UK AND MOROCCO SUPPORTED EXPERTS' TEXT OF ARTICLE 1;

CUBA FAVORED CUBAN TEXT OF ARTICLE 1.

(C) GHANA SUPPORTED GHANAIAI TEXT OF ARTICLE 1; ALSO SUPPORTED

AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 2.

(D) UAR PREFERRED GHANAIAI TEXT OF ARTICLE 1, COUPLED WITH CUBAN

TEXT. COMMENT: ON ESSENTIAL ISSUE, THESE TEXTS ARE INCOMPATIBLE.

USSR PROPOSED MERGER OF EXPERTS' DRAFT AND CUBAN DRAFT. COMMENT:

ON ESSENTIAL ISSUE, THESE TEXTS ARE INCOMPATIBLE.

5. COMMENT: CHAIRMAN'S ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE COMMITTEE'S WORK WAS MANIFESTLY UNSUCCESSFUL. ESSENTIALLY IT WASTED PART OF 4TH MEETING AND ALMOST ALL OF 5TH MEETING. IT WILL REQUIRE PART OF 6TH MEETING TO UNSCRAMBLE THE EGGS. US WOULD HAVE WISHED TO INTERVENE TO HELP KEEP MATTER ON TRACK, BUT BECAUSE OF ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS DECIDED TO REMAIN SILENT.

6. NEAR END OF 5TH MEETING CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SUPPORTED BY ETHIOPIA AND USSR, PROPOSED THAT COMMITTEE DEFER VOTE UNTIL 6TH MEETING "TO GIVE DELEGATIONS TIME FOR REFLECTION." NO DELEGATION OPPOSED.

CHAIR, SUPPORTED BY PERU AND USSR, SUGGESTED DRAFTING COMMITTEE STUDY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARTICLES 1, 2, 3 AND 4, AND PREPARE A

TABLE OF THE ARTICLE 1 PROPOSALS, AND REPORT BACK TO COMMITTEE.

THIS, OBVIOUSLY, WILL TAKE TIME.

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7. SOVIET HOPES TO DELAY CONFERENCE ARE BEING ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THEIR PLAYING A CONSPICUOUS DILATORY ROLE. THE LOW LEVEL OF PARLIAMENTARY COMPETENCE OF THE DELEGATION GENERALLY, CONSPICUOUSLY THE WEQ AS A GROUP, IS DOING IT FOR THEM. CATTO

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